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“ADOPT- A- CANALWAY”AT LOWELL NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

(Lowell, MA) Lowell National Historical Park is inviting families, clubs, businesses, and individuals to join hands with the park to help maintain park canalway areas. Although millions of dollars have been spent constructing our lovely canal walkways, park maintenance funds have not been increased accordingly, making it difficult to maintain these areas.

The park will identify canalway sections for groups to adopt. Each group will be responsible for spring clean-up, mulching, planting, weeding, watering, litter pick-up and general maintenance of their area for the growing season. The park will provide plant materials and equipment, if needed, for each area, and the adopting group will provide the labor necessary to maintain their area. Work can be scheduled at the group's convenience. Adopting groups will be recognized by signs in their area.

Currently eight groups are participating in this program. Our hope for this year is to expand the program to include many more local groups. The size of the area to be adopted can be matched to your group size. Local groups and individuals who have participated in the program include Bob Pare Photography; the Lowell Celebrates Kerouac Committee; Ray Merrill and the Doubletree Hotel; the RSVP Program of Community Teamwork Inc.; Pathfinder Milestone Homeless Services; Lowell House, Inc., and Richard Marion, Gallery “21”. For more information on how to participate, please call (978) 970-5032.

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